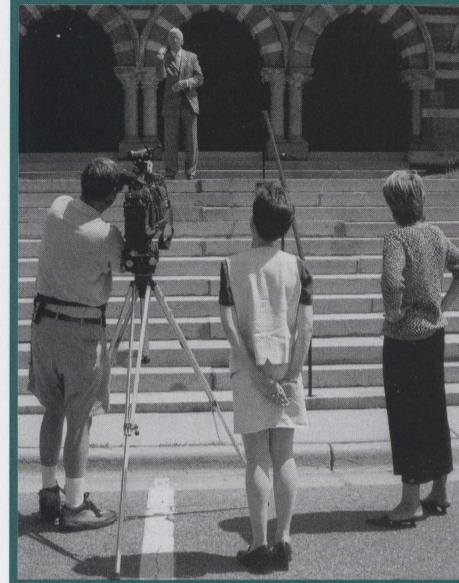




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Ask Aunt Sophie:  
Squirrel in the belfry?

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A film crew from WJLA, ABC Channel 7, came to Kendall Green on June 25 to shoot a segment for its morning show in which President Jordan signs, "Good morning, Washington." His greeting aired the following day at 6:30 a.m. Pictured with Dr. Jordan are (from left): camera operator Rich Guastadisegni, interpreter Carolyn Ressler, and WJLA Director of Publicity Kathy McGriff.

## PeopleSoft upgrade permits expanded functions

In mid-July, Gallaudet will begin using a new version of PeopleSoft for all student and personnel actions, such as class registration, academic advising, and payroll processing. The new version, called 8, is web-based. This means that individuals who are authorized to perform specific functions in the database, such as students who want to check their class schedules, can do so from any Internet-enabled computer anywhere. All that is needed is a valid Gallaudet user name and password.

The new version is user-friendly, and it will permit more on-line transactions than were possible before. To further enhance PeopleSoft's usefulness, Information Technology Services (ITS) is building a web portal for PeopleSoft 8 that will facilitate navigation and access to the various functions provided through this software.

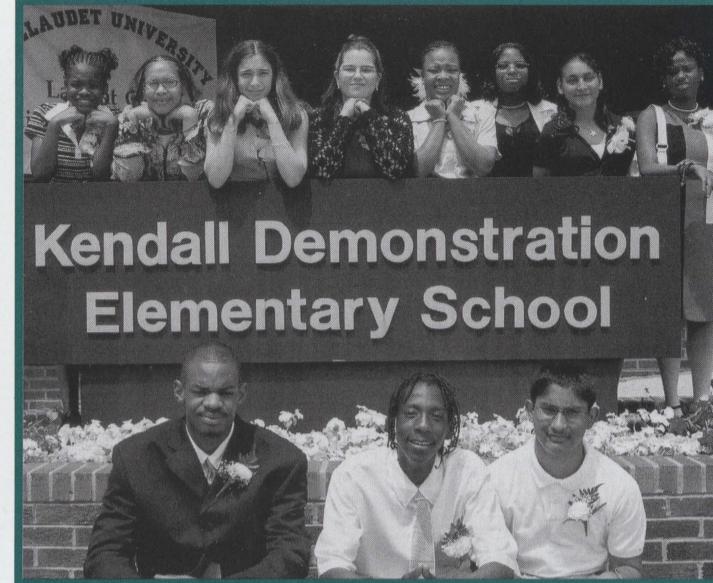
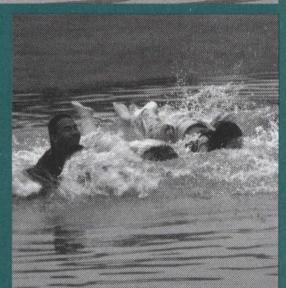
The ITS PeopleSoft production manager, Chris Esper, has overall responsibility for the upgrade, but outside contractors, ITS staff, and the Gallaudet PeopleSoft users' group, called ISIS, have each had major roles. ISIS, led by Dr. Nancy

Pollock Carroll of Academic Affairs and composed of representatives from the main functional offices that use PeopleSoft, has been crucial in resolving problems during the implementation. ISIS also is leading the way in testing the new software to assure that it accurately and effectively accomplishes each task requested.

The switch to version 8 will require a brief period when PeopleSoft will not be accessible. This period, from 5 p.m. on July 10 through July 14, will allow ITS to "freeze" the data, convert it to the new version, and then work with key users to compare data in the old version with data in the new version. If any serious discrepancies are found, or if the new version does not work as tested, ITS will have the ability to go back to the old software. With all the testing done by ISIS members and functional offices, and with all the cooperation ITS has received from every part of the campus, however, we are confident that the upgrade will be successful and that the community will enjoy the new version. **G**



An impromptu lake created on the grounds south of Merrill Learning Center by a torrential, late-afternoon rain on June 12, proved too much to resist for this group of water lovers. Enjoying a dip were (from left): freshman Michael Guzman, sophomore Shana Shimizu, alumni Marlon Monroyo and Billy Kekua, and senior Michelle Eldridge. (Alas, the swimmers' pleasure was fleeting—the accumulated water drained within minutes.)



## Kendall Demonstration Elementary School

Eleven students who completed the KDES program were honored June 13 at the school's annual Recognition Day. The guest speaker was Irvine Stewart, a Gallaudet graduate and a talented dancer and choreographer whose credits include founding the acclaimed Wild Zappers dance troupe. Certificates of completion were presented by Clerc Center Dean Katherine Jankowski and Director of Student Services Harriet Alexander-Whiting. The members of KDES' Class of '03, shown outside their alma mater, and the awards they received at the Recognition Day ceremony are, from left (seated): Sylvester Spencer (Wildcat Award for sports participation), Elijah Campbell, Sean Raghunandan (Elizabeth Jackson Award for cooperation, motivation, and positive attitude), (standing) Charleen Foster (Kendall Home School Organization savings bond to an outstanding student), Mahalia Palmer (Malcolm Norwood Award for leadership, KHSO bond, Wildcat Award), Alicia Balzer (Kendall School Cup for leadership, academic excellence, attitude, and cooperation, Wildcat Award), Norah Matthews (Linwood Smith Award for excellence in writing, Wildcat Award), Tristian Brown, Jene Kelly (Kendall School Cup, Wildcat Award), Rebecca Martin (Wildcat Award), and Latia Falls.

## GUM marks 10 years in promoting Gallaudet's services and products



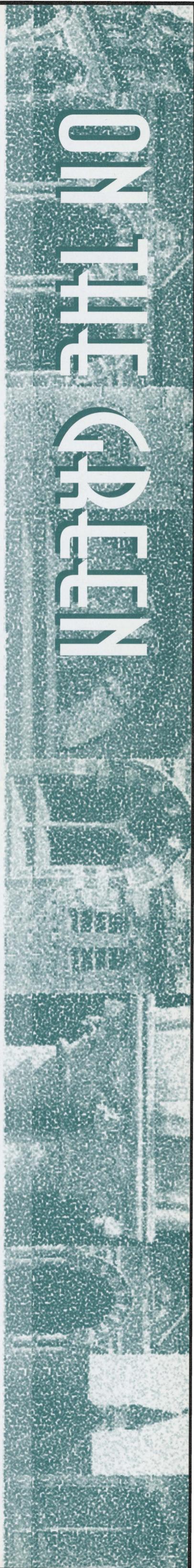
GUM members at a recent meeting are (from left): Wednesday Luria, coordinator of prospective graduate students, Graduate School and Research; Priscilla O'Donnell, manager, Bookstore; Antoinette Allen, speech language pathologist, Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology; Susan Hanrahan, director, Campus Life; Dan Wallace, assistant director, Gallaudet University Press; Marcia Schweitzer, field placement specialist, Social Work; Art Roehrig, academic support counselor, Office for Students with Disabilities; Denise Hanlon, administrative assistant, President's Office; Susan Flanigan, coordinator of marketing and public relations, Clerc Center; and Jaime Marshall, counselor, Office of Admissions.

**O**ur goal is for the University to benefit from a better coordinated marketing effort so that everyone on or off campus who is interested in the University knows who is doing what. . . . Maximizing our potential leads to good promotion of Gallaudet."

Dan Wallace expressed these views in a July 26, 1993, article in *On the Green* about a new campus marketing group that he was moderating made up of representatives from more than a dozen departments. Ten years later, Wallace, who holds the same position for

Gallaudet University Marketing (GUM), as well as assistant director in charge of marketing for Gallaudet University Press, still adheres to these views. In fact, he said the sentiments are "more important than ever" because GUM is Gallaudet's sole volunteer forum on promoting the University's services to the deaf community and also its products, which include research textbooks, publications, educational videotapes, and memorabilia for alumni.

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## Administration & Finance

### Student Health Service—serving the campus

*Blood pressure: What's normal NOW??*

You can't read a newspaper or watch TV without hearing about high blood pressure and related health risks. It's an even more popular topic now that the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute has announced that a person with a blood pressure level of 120/80, long thought to be the ideal level, is now in a new risk category for vascular disease called "pre-hypertension."

Do you know your blood pressure? A lot of people don't. Student Health Service wants to help you get the information you need con-

cerning blood pressure. On Tuesday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., SHS will sponsor a free blood pressure screening in the Multipurpose Room of the SUB. It will also have information available on how to lower your blood pressure and maintain that lower level.

Recent medical studies found evidence that arterial damage begins at a much lower blood pressure than previously thought. The studies show that risk for death from cardiovascular disease, stroke, heart failure, and renal disease begins to increase at a blood

pressure as low as 115/75. This new category of pre-hypertension nearly doubles the previous number of 50 million people with abnormal blood pressure by adding another 45 million people to the risk category.

What is blood pressure anyway? It is the force of blood against the walls of the arteries. The force is created by the heart as it pumps blood to all parts of the body. High blood pressure adds to the workload of the heart and arteries. The heart must pump with more force, and the arteries must carry blood that is moving under greater pressure. High blood pressure has no specific warning signs, although persistent headaches, dizziness, fatigue, tension, and shortness of breath sometimes go with it.

Therefore, it is important to know your blood pressure, and if it is too high, to take steps to lower it. Your health is your most important asset! Be sure to attend the blood pressure screening on July 15. 



Transportation Department Director Darnese Nicholson receives her 25-year service award from Executive Director of Facilities Fred Kendrick.

## NOTES FROM PERSONNEL

### Service awards for May

*Five years:*  
**Michael Peterson**, program manager, Clerc Center

*Ten years:*  
**Phyllis Maloney**, coordinator, Residence Life; **Olivia Smith**, bus monitor, Transportation

*Fifteen years:*  
**Jayne McKenzie**, administrative secretary II, Linguistics and Interpretation; **Cheol Kim**, system specialist, Computer System Engineering; **Kathleen O'Brien**, personal counselor, Clerc Center

*Twenty-five years:*  
**Darnese Nicholson**, director, Transportation

*Thirty years:*  
**Gail Ries**, administrative assistant, Graduate and Professional Studies; **Karen Kautz**, administrative secretary I, Clerc Center; **Thomas Harrington**, reference and instruction librarian, University Library; **Rachel**

**Hartig**, professor, Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; **Joseph Kinner**, associate professor, History

*New employees hired in May:*  
**David Akins**, mechanic, Transportation; **Gilbert Best**, public safety officer, Department of Public Safety; **Maina Avil de Lin Dias**, teacher aide, Clerc Center; **James Leftwich**, public safety officer, Department of Public Safety; **Jeffrey Weiser**, manager, Grounds Services

*Promotions in May:*  
**Robert Dickerson**, lead finisher, Maintenance Services; **Marlene Matthews**, executive secretary, Clerc Center; **Robert E. Johnson**, associate dean, Graduate Education and Extended Learning; **Jeffrey Whitaker**, manager, academic computing, engineering, and systems, Academic Technology

*Retirement in May:*  
**Frank Christie**, Maintenance Services

**Provost Jane Fernandes** congratulates **Special Assistant to the Provost Judith Berglund** (left) for 25 years of service to Gallaudet, and **Clerc Center Dean Katherine Jankowski** (right) for 10 years of service.



## ON THE GREEN



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Dear VC,

The challenge facing Aunty today is to figure out how to tell you—compassionately yet unequivocally—that your take on this matter is beyond weird. It's wacky, my dear. Where, pray tell, did you come up with the notion that squirrels carry monkeypox? It would be a different story if the campus was being overrun by giant Gambian rats, or if prairie dog cities were sprouting up all over Kendall Green. But they are not—neither are we in danger of contracting the SARS virus from the shuttle bus! [Nor, as you suggested to me some months ago, do our digital pagers emit deadly gamma rays!] Please take my advice: the next time you read an article or see a television story about some dreadful malady or other (i.e., ones that cause you to imagine you're on the staff of the Centers for Disease Control), and feel compelled to share the information with others—don't. We all would appreciate it.

Very Concerned

## Gallaudet included in online guide to local higher education resources for business

Information about Gallaudet is included in an online guide launched by the Greater Washington Initiative to connect businesses with the Washington, D.C., area's higher education community. According to a June 13 press release from GWI, the guide details the institutions' professional assistance, facilities, and academic courses within one searchable website.

The press release explains that the guide allows businesses, along with employers, employees, and students, to learn how they can get involved with local colleges and universities by taking advantage of

various partnership opportunities, faculty experts, and cultural and recreational facilities.

The Greater Washington Guide to Higher Education Resources for Business is available at [www.greaterwashington.org](http://www.greaterwashington.org).

John M. Derrick Jr., chairman of GWI, chairman and CEO, Pepco Holdings, Inc., is quoted in the press release as saying, "Each college and university in this region has distinctive assets. When viewed collectively, however, it's clear that Greater Washington is truly a higher education mecca that offers amazing resources for businesses and our community. This

guide will also help the region's economic development agencies and universities in their marketing efforts, while providing a truly user-friendly resource to local, national and international audiences."

Last fall, GWI contacted all 46 higher education institutions in Greater Washington to request information for the online guide. Currently, the guide features 19 higher education institutions. GWI will update the information with material from other area institutions by September, and the Guide will be updated twice each year. 

## GUM marks 10 years

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The goal of GUM is summed up in this passage from its mission statement: "...[the] group believes in the importance of being good ambassadors for the University by informing its constituents and the public at large of its invaluable services, programs, products, and publications." GUM, which now comprises 16 departments from the University and the Clerc Center—plus e-mail representation from the five regional centers—has developed over the decade into "a respected volunteer group with a certain amount of flexibility in promoting Gallaudet in a visible way," said Wallace. Primarily, this has been achieved by displaying Gallaudet materials at national and international conferences.

Wallace estimates that GUM representatives have done their part to heighten awareness of the University and its mission at more than 200 conferences over the past decade. And by coordinating their

efforts, departments can share their products to a wider audience and save money at the same time. For example, if the Admissions Office attends a conference in California and other campus departments want to reach that audience but don't want to bear the expense of having their own representative present, they each can send up to 500 promotional pieces, and only pay for shipping plus a small fee to defray the actual exhibiting costs.

GUM members come together once a month, and Wallace marveled that, "We've never missed a meeting in 10 years." GUM alternates its monthly meetings with business issues and guest speakers. Regular contact between members is important to keep abreast of trends within the University. Members share information on upcoming conventions and new programs, establish exhibiting strategies and guidelines, and create major initiatives through an annual member survey. 

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